

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on January 16, 2012, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, White, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil. Hausler was absent.

MOTION was made by Dickmann, seconded by White, and carried to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Joe Holland, Chair of the Tourism Commission, provided an overview of the purpose of the Tourism Commission which includes promoting and developing tourism which is likely to develop into overnight stays in Menomonie.

Mark Lewis, Chairman of the Committee for hosting Stage 4 of the 2012 Nature Valley Grand Prix Bicycle, spoke in support of the bicycle race and announced he was available for questions regarding the event.

Bob Willow also provided some history on the room tax ordinance and recommended that the Tourism Commission review how the room tax dollars are spent.

ORDINANCE that determines the quorum requirements of the City Council was introduced by Dickmann. MOTION to waive the first reading of the ordinance was made by Solberg, seconded by Halloran, and carried. MOTION to waive the second reading was made by Smith, seconded by Cruz, and carried. MOTION to adopt the ordinance was made by Dickmann, seconded by Schwebs, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION was made by Beety and seconded by Smith to approve the request from the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce to host Stage 4 of the Nature Valley Grand Prix Professional Bicycle Race on June 16, 2012.

MOTION to waive the rules to hear from Bob Willow was made by Cruz, seconded by Halloran, and carried. Mr. Willow stated that this event typically does not increase hotel stays.

MOTION to waive the rules to hear from Joe Holland was made by Riedel, seconded by Cruz, and carried. Mr. Holland explained that the Chamber of Commerce helps to organize and promote the bicycle race as a community event and hopes eventually it will be a 2 or 3 day event.

ORIGINAL MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION – occurred on the proposal to amend the ordinance and increase the room tax rate to 7%.

MOTION to waive the rules to hear from Joan Friedenfels, Tourism Director of the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce was made by Riedel, seconded by Schwebs, and carried.

Ms. Friedenfels stated that in a couple of months the Chamber of Commerce will be providing to the Council and Administration a copy of their proposal to the Tourism Commission regarding tourism room tax dollars.

POSTPONED - Action was postponed on the proposed room tax ordinance amendment until the second meeting in February.

CORRESPONDENCE - The City Council requested Mayor Knaack send a letter to the Police and Fire Commission urging them to move forward as quickly as possible in their recruitment efforts for a new Police Chief.

RESOLUTION petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for an Airport Improvement Aid project was introduced by Solberg. MOTION to refer the resolution to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation was made by Solberg, seconded by White, and carried.

ORDINANCE prohibiting parking on STH 29 from Broadway Street to the Red Cedar River Bridge was introduced by Halloran. MOTION to waive the first reading was made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and carried. MOTION to waive the second reading was made by Smith, seconded by Halloran, and carried. MOTION to adopt the ordinance was made by Halloran, seconded by Smith, and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 authorizing deferred connection charges against benefitted property in the City of Menomonie was introduced and moved for adoption by Solberg, seconded by Halloran, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Smith, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil. Passed: White.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Knaack announced that the agenda packet included information on a Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP) grant; and an agreement between the City and the School District of the Menomonie Area regarding the cooperative exchange of sidewalk snow removal responsibilities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – The packet included a notice relating the opportunity to sign up for automatic utility bill payments in the City Treasurer’s office; and December activity reports from the Building Inspection department and Police Department.

Council members Mercil and Beety announced that they are planning on hosting a mayoral forum on January 31st at the Chippewa Valley Technical College.

MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Halloran, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

<u>Claims</u>	
Airtec Sports	\$ 41.78
All-Lift Systems	460.00
American Fence Co.	1,300.00
Aramark Uniform Services	658.47
Auto Value	43.45
Chippewa Valley Newspapers	2,838.98
Churchill Tire & Battery	134.12
City Treasurer	8,689.05
County of Dunn	31,679.56
County of Dunn	30.00
Custom Woodwork & Bldg. Supply	16.98
Dunn County Health Dept.	280.00
Fire-Rescue Supply	5,046.00
First Supply	846.68
L-3 Communications Mobile-Vision	57,298.86
Menomonie Rental Center	36.00
Mississippi Welders Supply	2,395.00
Mobile Office Designs	856.85
O’Reilly Auto Parts	42.76
Quilling Electric, LLC	2,165.00
Rowekamp Assoc., Inc.	2,000.00
Southworth & Assoc.	4,606.40
St. Joseph’s Hospital	419.50
Staples	2,469.62
U. S. Postal Service	543.96
Viking Electric	181.54
Ward Aviation	205.32
Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, S.C.	12,877.90
Xcel Energy	52,984.02
24-7 Telcom	1,015.00
<u>Parking Utility</u>	

MOTION was made by Dickmann, seconded by White, and carried to approve the following licenses:

OPERATORS: Benjamin D. Bartz; Jack A. Williams.

TAXI CAB DRIVER: Terry L. Fliek; Tommy J. Klatt.

TAXI CAB LICENSE:

Right Way Shuttle Inc. (RIGHT WAY SHUTTLE INC),

Three vehicles: 1994 Ford Bus, Vin #....26012 Lic. Plate #3294B;

1994 Ford Bus, Vin #27116 Lic. Plate #2389B;

1989 Chevrolet Bus, Vin #22070 Lic. Plate #657LWR;

Town & Country Taxi (John G. Hallquist),

Add vehicle: 2002 Chevrolet Venture, Vin #....9541 Plate #832SGR.

TEMPORARY “CLASS B” WINE LICENSE:

Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area – February 21, 2012 @ 605 2nd Street (Bremer Bank), Event = Fat Tuesday.

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved was made by Smith, seconded by Solberg, and carried on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried on roll call.

No action was taken.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk